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NEW POWER PLANTS CONSTRUCTED

CONSTRUCTION OF RUSTAVI HEAT AND POWER PLANT PROGRESSES -- Zarya Vostoka, No 4, 7 Jan 49

The Rustavi heat and power plant was under construction throughout 1948. Huge amounts of complex equipment, metal, and pipes were required. Assembly workers came from all parts of the Union. Special efforts were required for the construction of the water-receiving installations. The Rustavi heat and power plant will use three times as much water as is used by all the plants and the population of Tbilisi. The Kura River will be diverted to a new, specially constructed concrete river bed.

The plant, equipped with the latest automatic control devices, will use 2,000 tons of Tkvarcheli and Tribuli coal daily and will supply the metallurgical plant with electric power, steam for industrial purposes, and hot water. Rustavi workers are confident that the electric power of the new heat and power plant will make possible the smelting of Georgian steel in 1949.

The year 1948 was a period of intense construction activity in the city of Rustavi, Georgian SSR. A number of new shops of the Rustavi Metallurgical Plant were put into operation, including the iron and steel mill, electrical repair shop, woodworking shop, cross-tie-impregnating shop, and oxygen shop. The frame of an open-hearth plant was built, and a blooming mill, blast furnaces, a coke-chemical workshop, and a pipe-casting workshop are under construction.

UZBEK GES UNDER CONSTRUCTION -- Stalinskoye Znamya, No 26, 8 Feb 49

Construction of a 255-kilowatt interkolkhoz GES has begun in the Kolkhoz imeni Stalin, Zaurakskiy Village Soviet, Andizhanskiy Rayon, Uzbek SSR.

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LATVIAN POWER PLANT CONSTRUCTED -- Sovetskaya Latviya, No 35, 12 Feb 49

A steam-electric power plant has been constructed at "Zilays" Peat Bog. A 7-kilometer high-voltage transmission line has been installed from the plant to the city of Rezekne. Workers and employees of 16 enterprises and institutions of Rezekne and peasants of Berzgal'skiy and Reznetskiy Volosts participated in the construction work.

It is expected that the new plant will be operating by the end of the month and that the city's electric power supply will be increased 50 percent.

ARMENIAN ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION LINE PROGRESSES -- Kommunist, No 38, 16 Feb 49

Construction on the Kanaker GES-Ozernaya GES high-voltage transmission line is progressing in spite of winter conditions. Three hundred out of a total of 520 metal masts have already been set up, and 50 kilometers of cable have been strung. Assemblers and constructors have pledged to complete work on the transmission line in June 1949.

KAZAKH POWER NETWORK EXPANDS -- Kazakhstanskaya Pravda, No 47, 8 Mar 49

Construction of the Dossor TsEE (Central Electric Power Plant) is almost completed. After it is put into operation, the Emba River will have an electric network with a length of several hundred kilometers. The most distant oil fields and prospecting regions will receive electric power.

The main building of the plant has been finished and two turbines have been installed. The electric plant will receive its water supply by the 30-kilometer Dossor-Iakine water main, now being built. Construction workers pledged to have the plant ready for operation by 1 May 1949.

ELECTRIC POWER STATIONS COMBINED WITH MTS'S -- Sovetskaya Moldaviya, No 48, 9 Mar 49

Since the end of the war, 41 electric power plants have been built in MTS's in Moldavia. Twenty-four more will have been put into operation by 1950.

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